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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - ROCHER DU LOUP PORT PROJECT

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1. CONSULATE CONTACTED DUTCH NATIONAL ROBERT VISSER, FED REPRESENTATIVE RESIDENT IN DOUALA, CONCERNING ROCHER DU LOUP PROJECT VISSER STATED THAT CAMEROON GOVERNMENT (GURC) HAD APPROACHED THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT REQUESTING FINANCING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ENTIRE REGION. PORT IS ONE OF SEVERAL PROJECTS ENVISAGED FOR AREA, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT IRON ORE AND SOME BAUXITE RESERVES. IMMENSE TIMBER RESERVES ARE ALSO IN THE AREA. A FEASIBILITY STUDY WOULD EXAMINE IRON ORE AND BAUXITE MINING, EXPLOITATION OF TIMBER, ROAD AND RAIROAD CONSTRUCTION TO BRING PRIMARY PRODUCTS TO THE COAST, AND THE PORT ITSELF. FRENCH GOVT IS STUDYING GURC REQUEST, AND VISSER EXPECTS THEIR STUDY AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE WILL TAKE QUITE SOME TIME AND DOES NOT EXPECT A MAJOR FEASIBILITY STUDY TO GET UNDERWAY FOR THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

2. OFFICE NATIONAL DES PORTS DIRECTEUR - GENERAL N GANN CONFIRMED THAT REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE TO FRENCH GOV T AND THAT FRENCH WERE STUDYING THE MATTER. PORTS DEPUTY DIR-GEN NJOYA FELT THAT ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL PROBABLY THE YEAR 2000.

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3. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT RECENTLY THE GURC HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LOANS IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR FROM OFFICIAL EUROPEAN DONORS ON VERY EASY TERMS -- .5 (ONE HALF) PERCENT PER YEAR OR EVEN LESS. N GANN AND DEPUTY DIR-GENRAL (STUDIES) LEBRISHOUAL HAVE TOLD BOTH PAUL JAVOR (SOROS DIRECTOR) AND CONSULATE OFFICERS THAT THE NATIONAL

OFFICE OF PORTS IS SEARCHING FOR FINANCING OF ALL FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
AT AS CLOSE TO ZERO PERCENT RATE OF INTEREST AS POSSIBLE.

4. POINTE LIMBOH PORT: BOTH N GANN AND VISSER CONFIRMED THAT A
FIRM HAS FINALLY BEEN SELECTED TO DO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE
POINTE LIMBOH DEEP WATER PORT NEAR VICTORIA WEST OF DOUALA.
THE CFA 100 MILLION (APPROX DOLLARS 430,000) CONTRACT WAS AWARDED
THE WEEK OF MAY 29 TO DUTCH FIRM , BISH AND PARTNERS.
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